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Applicants: Samuel Achilefu et al.
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ELECTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction mailed June 28, 2006 in the above-referenced application, Applicants elect with traverse Group 1 (claims 1-3 and 15). As requested, Applicants further elect the species wherein R_3 is C_1 alkyl, each of R_4 , R_5 , R_6 and R_7 is H, Y_1 is $-CH_2-(CH_2-O-CH_2)_e-CH_2-CO_2T$; W_1 is $-C(CH_3)_2$; e is 1; and T is a negative charge. Applicants request that method claims 4-14 and 16 be rejoined upon allowance of composition claims.

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.